

to nondetectable levels in chromoplasts. Piechulla et al.,
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Summary of the Invention

Novel methods and DNA constructs are provided for
5 transforming plants employing T-DNA and a Ti- or Ri-plasmid
for heterologous DNA introduction and integration into the
plant genome. Transformation without gall formation of
plant cells which have historically not been *Agrobacterium*
hosts is achieved with successful expression of the
10 heterologous DNA. Additionally, DNA constructs are provided
which are employed in manipulating plant cells to provide
for regulated transcription, such as light inducible
transcription, in a plant tissue or plant part of interest
at particular stages of plant growth or in response to
15 external control. Particularly, transcriptional regions
from seed storage proteins, seed coat proteins or acyl
carrier protein are joined to other than the homologous gene
and introduced into a plant cell host for integration into
the genome to provide for seed-specific transcription. The
20 constructs provide for modulation of expression of
endogenous products as well as production of exogenous
products in the seed. Novel DNA constructions also are
provided employing a fruit-specific promoter, particularly a
promoter from a gene active beginning at or shortly after
25 anthesis or beginning at the breaker stage, joined to a DNA
sequence of interest and a transcriptional termination
region. A DNA construct may be introduced into a plant cell
host for integration into the genome and transcription
regulated at a time at or subsequent to anthesis. In this
30 manner, high levels of RNA and, as appropriate,
polypeptides, may be achieved during formation and/or
ripening of fruit.

Also of interest is a transcriptional initiation region which is activated at or shortly after anthesis, so that in the early development of the fruit, it provides the desired level of transcription of the sequence of interest.

5 Normally, the sequence of interest will be involved in affecting the process in the early formation of the fruit or providing a property which is desirable during the growing (expansion) period of the fruit, or at or after harvesting.

The ripening stages of the tomato may be broken down
10 into mature green, breaker, turning, pink, light red and red. Desirably, the transcriptional initiation region maintains its activity during the expansion and maturation of the green fruit, more desirably continues active through the ripening or red fruit period. Comparable periods for
15 other fruit are referred to as stages of ripening. The invention is not limited to those transcriptional initiation regions which are activated at or shortly after anthesis but also includes transcriptional initiation regions which are activated at any of the ripening stages of the fruit. An
20 example of a fruit-specific transcriptional initiation region is the one referred to as 2A11 which regulates the expression of a 2A11 cDNA sequence described in the Experimental section. The 2A11 transcriptional initiation region provides for an abundant messenger, being activated
25 at or shortly after anthesis and remaining active until the red fruit stage. The expressed protein is a sulfur-rich protein similar to other plant storage proteins in sulfur content and size.

Also of interest is a transcriptional initiation
30 region which regulates expression of the enzyme polygalacturonase, an enzyme which plays an important role in fruit softening and/or rotting. The polygalacturonase